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Caring couple's surprise award

Parents' TV nomination shock

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A FUNDRAISING couple who raised more than £173,000 for the hospital that saved their son's life have been given a Christmas present of their own thanks to charity show Text Santa.

Ivan and Nadine Hollingsworth were surprised in front of millions of viewers on Ant and Dec's one-off show.

The ITV Text Santa programme has been designed to raise millions for chosen charities, but a select few were also rewarded after touching our hearts with their selfless fundraising efforts.

A Christmas Eve audience watched as

Ivan, 35, and Nadine, 34, were singled out by the Tyneside duo, telling how they have concentrated all their energy on raising money for the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital after medics saved their son Seb.

Ivan said: "It's just a bit mad. I don't think it's sunk in yet it was such a huge surprise for us on the night."

"We didn't think we deserved to be recognised like that."

"When something is that close to your heart you just do it."

Ivan has skied in the Alps in a miniscule mankini, ruined several pairs of trainers running in countless marathons, while his wife has organised countless charity bashes, with all cash going to CHUF through a fund they set up called



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Seb4CHUF. Next year they are planning many more events - including Ivan's quest to run 100 miles non-stop in 24 hours.

Pharmaceutical rep Ivan and business manager Nadine travelled from their home in Whitley Bay, North Tyneside, to London, having been given what they believed to be free tickets to be in the studio audience.

So they got the shock of their lives when they were singled out on national TV by the comedy duo.

The cunning plan to give them a well-earned pat on the back was hatched weeks ago, after they were nominated by PR agent Claire Barber, who has close links with the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF).

Claire, of Alnwick, Northumberland, said: "We nominated Ivan and Nadine because they have been the most inspiring and devoted couple who have fundraised relentlessly for CHUF and

Seb4CHUF. "I never know what next big idea will arrive into my email - but what I do know is that it always involves a quest of extreme physical challenges."

"They are a pleasure to work with and really deserve this acknowledgement."

ITV Text Santa said: "We are delighted that Ivan and Nadine were nominated for Text Santa and thrilled that they took the surprise so well with Ant and Dec."

"It's so heart warming to give something back when people take so much time out of their lives to help others."

"This is a wonderful treat for their charity Seb4CHUF and CHUF - the Children's Heart Unit Fund at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, and very well deserved".

For more information about Ivan and Nadine's fundraising work, visit seb4chuf.co.uk, or read Ivan's new blog at seb4chuf.wordpress.com/

Weather

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Around Britain

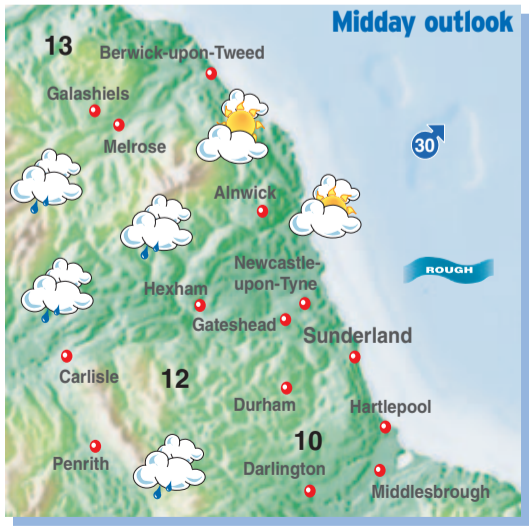
		today		tomorrow		
		°C	°F	°C	°F	
Aberdeen	cloudy	13	55	cloudy	7	45
Belfast	drizzle	13	55	rain	10	50
Birmingham	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	11	52
Brighton	cloudy	13	55	cloudy	11	52
Cardiff	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	11	52
Edinburgh	drizzle	13	55	rain	9	48
Leeds	cloudy	11	52	drizzle	10	50
Liverpool	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	11	52
London	cloudy	13	55	fair	12	54
Manchester	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	10	50
Newcastle	fair	13	55	rain	10	50
Nottingham	cloudy	13	55	cloudy	10	50
Southampton	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	11	52
York	fair	13	55	cloudy	11	52

Around the World

		today		tomorrow		
		°C	°F	°C	°F	
Amsterdam	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	10	50
Athens	cloudy	10	50	cloudy	12	54
Barcelona	sun	13	55	sun	16	61
Bodrum	sun	13	55	sun	15	59
Brussels	cloudy	11	52	cloudy	7	45
Dubai	sun	25	77	sun	25	77
Faro	sun	18	64	sun	17	63
Hanover	cloudy	11	52	cloudy	9	48
Larnaca	sun	17	63	sun	18	64
New York	sun	8	46	rain	10	50
Nice	sun	14	57	sun	14	57
Palma	sun	16	61	fair	16	61
Paris	fair	8	46	mist	4	39
Rome	sun	12	54	sun	13	55
Tenerife	sun	22	72	sun	22	72

NORTH EAST TODAY

Breezy, but remaining very mild. Fairly cloudy, but with a few sunny spells possible at times. Fresh south-westerly winds. Max temp 11-14C (52-57F).



Yesterday's extremes

Sunniest Monks Wood 2.4 hours	Coldest Fyvie Castle 2C 36F	Warmest Rosehearty 14C 57F
Wettest Cassley 0.94 inches		

Three-day outlook

TUESDAY Cloudy with patchy light rain. Becoming drier into the afternoon. max 10C (50F) min 7C (45F)
WEDNESDAY Early rain clearing to give sunny spells and a few showers. Windy. max 9C (48F) min 3C (37F)
THURSDAY A bright start to the day, but with rain spreading in later. Breezy. max 7C (45F) min 5C (41F)

High Tides

today	ht(m)	ht(m)
Holy Island	03:28 5.0	15:34 5.1
Sunderland	04:08 5.1	16:19 5.3
Tynemouth	04:09 5.2	16:15 5.3

Holy Island crossing times today
 07.25 to 13.15 and 19.40 to 01.50 (Tue)

Sun & Moon			
Sunrise	08:28	Sunset	15:44
Moonset	18:15	Moonrise	09:22
		Lighting up: 15:44 to 08:28	